

Media Release

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HITTING SIXES FOR SUBURBAN CRICKET CLUBS

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will help cricket clubs in middle and outer suburban Melbourne put even more runs on the board by developing new cricket hubs and upgrading facilities.

Cricket is one of the highest participation sports for both men and women across our state and we want Victorian cricketers to have access to even better facilities where they live and play.

In four short years, Labor has already delivered three cricket hubs in regional Victoria. Now, we want to expand even further, benefitting clubs and cricketers in our suburban communities.

Labor will provide \$7.5 million to continue the development of these hubs, with the first to be based at Jubilee Park in Ringwood. Up to further five sites will be identified in consultation with Cricket Victoria and local councils, and located in middle and outer suburban Melbourne.

These cricket hubs are state-of-the-art training facilities that support the development of our cricketers and provide access to people from all backgrounds. Labor has already delivered three regional cricket hubs in Ballarat, Wodonga and Hamilton.

If re-elected, Labor will also continue the Community Cricket Program with \$6 million for upgrades to cricket infrastructure.

Grants will help clubs and councils complete major upgrades to infrastructure, and purchase equipment, to keep pace with the modern game and deliver targeted programs aimed at growing cricket participation in Victoria.

Across Victoria, Labor has invested more than \$420 million in community sport and recreation facilities, supporting local clubs and local athletes.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"Cricket is such a big part of life in suburban Melbourne for so many people, and we want to help grow the sport even further."

"Sports clubs are the heart and soul of local communities, and we're giving local cricketers the facilities they deserve, to reach their full potential."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Sport John Eren

"Attracting more young people to the game helps maintain our status as the home of cricket."

"Only Labor is investing to attract even more kids to the sport and to make sure local clubs can keep up with demands of the modern game."